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SUBJECT:LAWSUIT TO SELL CZECH GOLD IN SETTLMENT OF CLAIMS

1. FORMER ARIS GLOVES ATTORNEY MERRIGAN HAS FILED ON BEHALF OF TWO INDIVIDUAL CLAIMANTS, LESLIE AND STANLEY LOGAN, A CLASS ACTION SUIT IN THE US DISTRICT COURT, WASHINGTON, DC. THE SUIT SEEKS TO SELL THE GOLD LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE CUSTODY OF THE TRIPARTITE GOLD COMMISSION. THE SECRETARIES OF STATE AND TREASURY, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD AND THE NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE BANK (WHERE THE GOLD IS BEING HELD) ARE NAMED AS CO-DEFENDANTS.

2. THE DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY HERE OF DEVELOPMENTS. WE HAVE TOLD THEM THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WITH OUR COOPERATION, WILL VIGOROUSLY CONTEST THE SUIT AND THAT WE HOPE TO HAVE IT DISMISSED. THE SUIT MAY AFFECT THE TIMING OF A RESOLUTION OF OUR CLAIMS IMPASSE, SINCE CONGRESS WILL NOT WISH TO DISCUSS A MATTER PENDING BEFORE THE COURTS, BUT IT

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IS TOO EARLY TO PREDICT HOW MUCH OF A DELAY CAN BE

EXPECTED.

3. WE ARE POUCHING A COPY OF THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT
SERVED ON THE DEPARTMENT ON SEPTEMBER 29. INGERSOLL

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